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O IL MIO POVERO CUORE.
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Ah, once I held your soft white hand in mine,
Just once, my love!
And once my loving eyes gazed deep in thine,
Just once, dear love!
And once I touched a strand of auburn hair
That nestled on your neck so soft and fair:
And once I caught the subtle, faint perfume
That marks your presence, stealing thro' the gloom.
And wondered—tho' our lives are far apart—
If Love would ever give me heart for heart,
Ah, me!

Ah, could I change the rugged lines of life
Just once, my love!
And end the bitter turmoil—endless strife.
Just once, dear love!
And could I know that some responsive key
Lies dormant in your heart and waits for me—
And could I know that passion's coiled whips
Would stay their blows at words from your sweet lips—
My burdens, toils and cares would slip away,
And life would seem a joyous summer's day!
Ah, me!

FLORIDA.

State News Boiled Down, Scissored and Pasted.

Tampa is to have an ice factory.

It is said that the best looking girl in Gainesville wears bangs. Doubtless.

Mr. J. E. Long and Miss E. B. McLaurin were married at Sanford last week.

Winter vegetables at Bloomingdale are reported uninjured by the recent cold.

The expression "latest opening" usually refers to "jack pots."—Gainesville News.

A. McBride, of Marion county, has been granted a patent on a cotton gin of his invention.

Mr. Arthur Rowbotham, of Scotland, but more recently of London, expects to make Florida his home.

Mr. J. A. Matthews has just established the Graphic, a four-column, four-page daily newspaper at Orlando.

A. W. Murphey, harness manufacturer of Orlando, has been closed by the sheriff on a writ of attachment.

The Ocala Banner says State Senator Mann, of Hernando county, has sold his orange grove at Brooksville for \$20,000.

Strangers are pouring into Gainesville by every train. Many of them come for the purpose of becoming actual settlers.

The local talent of Orlando presented the drama "My Aunt's Heiress," to an appreciative audience Thursday night last.

Matthew Hall, convicted of assault with intent to murder in Orange county, was sentenced to two years in state penitentiary.

The Ladies Aid Society, of Tampa, will give a Martha Washington tea party on the evening of the 29th of February—Washington's birthday.

The Tallahassee says a negro baby, evidently murdered at its birth, was found a few days since buried near a negro cabin on Lake Harris.

The handsome new Congregational church on Florida avenue, Tampa, was formally dedicated on Thursday evening, and the pastor, Rev. Sidney Crawford, installed.

A. P. Baskin, under date of 25th, writes the Ocala Banner, from Anthony, that his 23 acres of cabbages, which it was thought succumbed to the freeze, look better now than before the cold.

Capt. Thos. Bickerton says his fine grass, propagated from Kentucky and other varieties of grass, was not in the least injured by the freeze as it had previously passed through several severe droughts. This luxuriant grass seems to be the very kind for Floridians to plant.

The Tallahassee puts its hands behind it, shuts both eyes, and says: "Sarah McDaniel, a colored woman living on Mr. Fish's place one mile from Tallahassee, has given birth to forty-two children, and is now a robust, healthy-looking woman." And yet we have heard of a great freeze in Florida.

The Altamonte correspondent of the Sanford Journal says the anxiety which clouded every face a week ago has passed away. Orange trees have received but little injury, and the loss of a crop of fruit once or twice in a lifetime is not considered an overwhelming calamity, nor as an occasion for a sweeping indictment against the country.

In Port.

The ocean schooner, Levin S. Melson came into port Friday, being from Philadelphia. She brought 278 tons of rails for the Florida Southern railway, to be used on the extension of their lines.

The steamer City of Monticello, from Charleston, is in port, bringing a miscellaneous cargo of freight for Palatka and other points tributary.

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